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I am concerned about the implications of the proposed Microsoft antitrust settlement on consumers like me. Notably, in the proposed settlement, the definition of a competitor is limited to a for-profit business. However, for example, the largest competitor for Microsoft's network software is the freely distributed Apache software. I feel that such "open source" applications will be a valuable resource for consumers, and that, in the least, they should be included in the definition of "competitors."

Thank you,

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